

CLARK COUNTY
CLEAN WATER COMMISSION
Meeting Notes
Wednesday, December 1, 2004
6:30 – 9:00 PM
Public Works Operations Conference Room
4700 NE 78th Street

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Present

Anne Jackson, Susan Rasmussen, Judy Schramm, Art Stubbs, Judy Thoet and, Virginia VanBreeman

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Absent

Robbie Agard and Bill Owen

Clark County Public Works Staff

Kelli Frost, Earl Rowell, Jeff Schnabel, Jim Soli, Rod Swanson, Ron Wierenga, and Jason Wolf

Environmental Information Co-op

Carrie Kraten and Christine Sullivan

Public

Travis Dutton and Karolina Cehajic

Call to Order

Introduction

The members of the Clark County Clean Water Commission, the public, and Clark County staff were introduced. The meeting was then called to order.

Agenda and material review

The material for the meeting includes:

1. 12/1/04 Clean Water Commission Meeting Agenda
2. 2004-2005 River Heroes School Assemblies
3. Focus: Water Quality in Battle Ground Lake
4. Salmon Creek 2003 Stream Temperature
5. Clean Water Program Capital Project Sites
6. Water Resources Section Memo regarding Low Impact Development
7. How can the Clean Water Commission encourage low impact development (LID)

Communications with the public and media

Mr. Strick has arranged a PowerPoint training session on the Clean Water Program for January 19, 2005 from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Training Room of the Public Service Center at 1300 Franklin Street.

The Clark County Public Information Outreach office held a media training for county staff who interact with the media. A number of Water Resources Staff attended this training.

Mr. Swanson relayed a concern of Mr. McConathy. He arrived at the 78th Street location to attend a Clean Water Commission meeting only to find that it was being held at another locale. He is concerned that if the meeting locations change from month to month people might not be able to attend the meetings.



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Mr. Stubbs responded that every effort is made to notify the public about the monthly Clean Water Commission meetings such as through e-mail and announcements in the local newspapers.

Water Resources Staff Presentations:

Carrie Kraten/Christine Sullivan – Macro invertebrate school sampling

Ms. Kraten introduced Ms. Sullivan, an Americorp volunteer who has been working at the Environmental Information Co-op for a year and has been working on the Macro-invertebrate Education program and River Rangers program.

Ms. Sullivan described the Macro-invertebrate Education Program. Three schools in the Evergreen School District were chosen to participate, York, Covington, and Shahala. CAM Jr. was chosen in the Battle Ground School District. Nine classes and 230 students participated during the school year which included trainings, field trips to stream sampling sites and hands on experience collecting data from streams and analyzing the data.

Jason Wolf – Focus sheet presentation

Mr. Wolf stated that part of his duties is to collect data and write technical reports. Monitoring staff have developed focus sheets which are a two to three page summary of the technical reports, which are in a format that is easy and clear to understand. These focus sheets will be posted on our web site and e-mailed or mailed to interested parties.

Mr. Wolf asked the Clean Water Commissioners to review the focus sheet included in the packet of material and provide him any feed back.

Ms. Thoet asked if the Focus Sheets are strictly informational or does he hope to get feedback from them?

Mr. Wolf replied that they are distributed as information.

Ms. Schramm added that the public will be very happy to receive feedback on the waters around this area.

Jeff Schnabel – Salmon Creek temperature study

Mr. Schnabel described the focus in the Salmon Creek temperature study:

1. Are the stations in compliance with the state criteria for water temperature and are they meeting the criteria established for aquatic life use.
2. Are there any major differences or patterns in temperatures in different areas?
3. The effects of watershed factors on water temperature.

The primary conclusion is that temperature appears to be a larger and more widespread problem than previous reports had indicated.

Jim Soli – Capital projects

Mr. Soli provided the Clean Water Commissioners an update of the Capital projects for 2005-2006.

These include:

1. Scheuler Stormwater Facility (NE St. Johns 50 – 72 Avenue)
2. Scheuler Stormwater Facility (NE 72 Ave – 99 St. Johns)
3. Gabbert (Mill Creek – 29th Ave.
4. North Salmon Creek / Hwy 99 Stormwater Facility

Ms. Thoet asked if all of the projects have fences around them.



Mr. Soli replied that they do have fences around them.

Ms. Rasmussen asked if there was a way to evaluate the projects once they are complete?

Mr. Soli replied that they are working on adding specific monitoring equipment at some projects to measure water quality before work begins and maintaining them afterwards.

Mr. Swanson added that monitoring staff have completed a temperature study at Thomas Lake. We are planning on collecting flow and rainfall data at the Gabbert site.

Ms. Thoet asked if the Clean Water Fee was based on the assessed value of the house.

Mr. Stubbs stated that it is set up as a flat fee with the exception of commercial properties, in which their fee is based on impervious square feet.

Selection for Clean Water Commission Chair and Vice-chair 2005

The Clean Water Commissioners requested that nominations be held at the January meeting. Mr. Stubbs will act as chair during the January 5, 2005 meeting.

Low Impact Development

The Clean Water Commissioners decided to review the materials in the packet regarding Low Impact Development before discussing the issue and will address this topic at the January 5, 2005 Clean Water Commission meeting.

Ms. Thoet suggested having staff from the Department of Community Development give a presentation on the application of existing county code to promote Low Impact Development.

Mr. Swanson will invite staff from the Department of Community Development to give a presentation at the January 5, 2005 Clean Water Commission meeting.

Ms. Thoet spoke on behalf of Mr. Owen who suggested that when the Clean Water Commissioners are required to give an award or presentation to members of the public that there should be a quorum at the meeting. In November, the Clean Water Commissioners presented Mr. Frisby, of Hockinson, an award for his help in the leaking oil brochure and there were only three Clean Water Commissioners present.

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next Clean Water Commission meeting is Wednesday, February 2, 2005 at Clark County Public Works Maintenance and Operations Center, 4700 NE 78th Street, 6:30 p.m.

Respectively Submitted

Kelli Frost

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